STUDY LIMITATIONS

In the present study T2DM patients with and without nephropathy were recruited, the patients were on the anti-diabetic treatment. The effect of anti-diabetic medications were not considered which might have some influence on lipid and lipoprotein parameters in the present study. Also the results of the present study should be confirmed by additional case control studies. The study population was within the state of Maharashtra and it is not representation of different population subgroups within India. The studies with other population subgroups from Maharashtra and other regions of India should be covered for biochemical analysis and analysis of ACE I/D polymorphism. We have not correlated the gene expression of podocyte associated proteins from PBMCs to that of their gene expression in kidney tissue, as it was not feasible to get the tissue samples from these patients.